HOUSE RIJECTS TOPHENS BILL

Refuses to I gross It After a Long Discusion By a Vote

MR. MASSE'S FINE SPEECH

Patron of the Measure Stirs Up Body With His Elo-

quence.

The House pent practically all of two ong sessions esterday in debating the Tor rens land resistration bill offered by Mr Massie, of his city, and then by a vote of to to execused to order the measure I so far as the present session is con of the measure was perhaps the mos

owerfu and cloquent ever heard in the icw hal of the House, and as he wended its war toward the end, to a brilliant. Ilmax there was prolonged applause. There were a great many speeches on both sdes and the debate was interest-ing throughout. There was a good deal or cross firing at both sessions and mem-ers of the Richmond delegation being livided, took some sharp cracks at one mother.

another.

The Senate after a spirited delate pussed the Lassiter bill, creating a State confet road force, but did little of interest beyond this. There were many bills in both branches along with petifiles in both branches along with per-lions for the Mann bill. No measure save those of a local nature can be offered in other branch after to-day.

THE SENATE.

Lassiter Road Bills Are Again

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Discussed at Much Length.

New fills, resolutions and Mann law setitions came with the usual rush and the Senate was then engaged in an early discussion of the best means of facilitating the work, slowly but surely congesting upon the calendar. An effort to hold effection besides on the ground that it would interfere with or absolutely prevent the committee meetings on which so much lepends. By unanimous vote the Senate hen agreed to a resolution previously effected by Judge Phlegar of Montgomery, providing that after the consideration of the unfinished business and the special order the Senate should proceed to contider I, House bills to which amendments have been made and which are not contested, and 2, Senate bills on their second reading, all bills which any Senator night state that he intended to contest, to be passed by.

were Mr. Lassiter, of Petersburg; Mc. Keezell, of Rockingham; Mr. Thomas, of Lynchburg, Mr. Echols, of Augusta; Mr. Wickbam, of Hanover; Judge Phlegar, of Montgomery; Mr. Shands, of Southamp-ton; Mr. Campbell, of Bedford; Major Lynu, of Loudoun; Mr. Strode, of Am-herst; Mr. Roberts, of Mecklenburg, and some others.

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The debate was animated and at times the cross-firing was very hot. There was a sharp tilt between Mr. Strode and Mr. Wickham as to the latter's position with reference to the State aid proposition. Mr. Wickham responding warmly to the Amherst Senator's suggestion that he was opposed to State aid. Judge Phile, ar also replied sharply to what he considered an attempt on the part of Mr. Strode to say that all the Senators opposed to the Laassiter bill were fighting the principle of State aid.

The argument went on, covering much of the ground already gone over in ground stream of the ground already gone over in ground stream of the debate, which convised the Senate with laughter:

There is a man of Rockingham, late, whose constituents did impatiently wait with outstretched grms and wings of love to wait over macadam roads above.

But up stepped Lassiter, like a weasel,

But up stepped Lassiter, like a weasel, And through eastern mud roads drag ed Lyon and Keezell."

The Final Test.

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The test came on the vote on the Lynn bill, heretofore described, which was offered by the Loudoun Senator, who is opposed to the Lossiter plan, as a substitute for the bill pending. The roll-call on the substitute was as follows:

Ayes—Chapman, Echols, Harman, Holt, Keezell, Lynn, Niemeyer, Noel, Phiegar, Tavenner, Thomas, Turner—12.

Noos. Anderson. Campbell, Divingon.

Nocs-Anderson, Campbell, Dickinson

Nocs-Anderson, Campbell, Dickmson, Fullon, Garrett, Greear, Gunter, Hobbs, Kerns, Lassiter, Lincoln, Machen, Mann, Patteson, Rison, Roberts, Sadler, Sears, Shackelford, Shands, Sims, St. Clair, Strode, Walker, H. T. Wickham and T. A. Wickham—5. Lassiter bill as amended was

engrossed and under a suspension o rules was passed with but four ssenting votes. Under the tacit agreement made yes.

rday, the vote on the engrossment of e bill rearranging the judicial circuits the State was reconsidered, and Mr. nands, of Southampton, proposed an smendment, creating a new circuit, com-posed of Isle of Wight, Princess Anne and the city of Portsmouth, increasing the number in the State to twenty-eight. No contest arose over the new circuit, the amendment was included, the redistricting bill was engrossed again, and then passed and communicated at once to the House of Delegation.

Judge Nicol Good Baptist.

Arising to a question of personal privi ge, Mr. Machen, of Alexandria, re lege, Mr. Machen, of Alexandria, referred to the quotation in The Times-Dispatch of his remark that in his circuit the court was so hard pressed that it sat at night, on legal holldays and 'occasionally on the Sabbath day on the quiet." This statement, made jocularly, appears to have been taken by some as meaning that in Alexandria cases are called on Sunday and the court sits formally on that day, as on all others. It was taken for granted that the manifest obsurdity of such an assumption would the taken to gratter that the maintest theuridity of such an assumption would be guard against its creation, but this oppears to have been ineffective. Mr. Hachen explained that he meant only that in certain rare cases during Saturlay night trials the proceedings have ex-



TELLS BY THEIR SLEEP

"I can tell by my little ones' sleep when a cold is coming on" said a mother when speaking of the advance symptoms of colds in children. "They toss about, are restless, their breathing is heavy and there are symptoms of night sweats. The next morning I start with Scott's Emulsion. The chances are that in a day or two they are all over it. Their rest is again peaceful and the breathing normal."

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tended a few minutes beyond midnight.

"Judge Nicol is too good a Baptist and the lawyers of Alexandria are too plous to hold court on Sundays." he declared.

"May I ask if the plous lawyers of Alexandria turned the cloek back when the proceedings extended beyond inidnight," asked Mr. Keezell, of Rockingham.

"No; we just assumed that the clock was wrong," replied Mr. Machen.

After some further scattering business the Senate session ended. Mr. Shackelford, of Orange chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Election, which reported the Machen primary bill adversely made the motion to adjourn.

"Will the Senator yield for a motion," asked Mr. Machen, arising.

"Will it provide any discussion?"

"If it does I'll withdraw the motion," said Mr. Machen.

"Very well," said Mr. Shackelford, with evident rejuctance.

"My motion," said Mr. Machen, "is to take up out of its order Senate bill 154 to provide for primary elections."

Sensational laughter filled the chamber. "I renew my motion to adjourn," raid Mr. Shackelford, hurriedly.

The Senate the retupon adjourned until 11:30 o'clock to-day

Bills Passed.

To create the State convict force and

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By Senator Campbell: To provide how dispensaries may be established or closed in cities not of the first class and towns.

By Senator Turner: To amend and resenate sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of an act approved March 2, 1838, to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Floyd county to let to contract the public reads of that county and levy a tax to keep the same in repair.

By Senator Chapman: To authorize the rector and visitors of the University of Virginia to issue new bonds for the spurpose of retiring certain bonds now outstanding.

By Senator Lynn: To amend and resenate an act to create a road board for the county of Fauquier.

By Senator Walker: To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Northumberland county to establish a public ferry across Little Wicomico River.

By Senator Saller: To amend and resenate section 2852 of the Code in relation to search warrants.

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By Senator Thomas: To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Northumberland county to establish a public ferry across Lodge Creek, in said county.

By Senator Thomas: To require the secretary of the Dental and Medical Examining Board of the State to pay certain funds to the treasurer of the State school funds.

By Senator Thomas: To amend and resenate section 43 of an act Traise revenue for the support of the sunual franchise tax.

By Senator Mann: To define what is pure apple cider within the annual franchise tax.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

Torrens System Bill Rejected After Long and Spirited Debate.

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Speaker Cardwell convened the House at noon, and Rev. Dr. J. Power Smith, of the Prostaterian Church, offered prayer.

Mr. Curlett moved to discharge the Committee for Courts of Justice from the further consideration of a bill increasing the compensation of justices of the peace, but for the moment there was no action or, the subject.

Mr. Rew offered a resolution providing that after next Wednesday the committees of one House shall report no bills not hitherto passed upon by the other House of the General Assembly. There was a good deal of discussion over the matter, and the resolution was finally amended by fixing the day on March 1st instead of February 28th. Mr. Bland moved to except city and town charters, and the amendment was adopted and the resolution as amended was rejected. Nearly an hour was consumed in the consideration of the resolution. The motion of Mr. Curlett to discharge the Committee for Courts was now yoted upon and rejected. Mr. Jennings offered a resolu-

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rejected. Mr. Jennings offered a resolution thanking the President, Congress
and Representative Lamb for the return
of the Confederate flags to the State,
and it was agreed to.
The Torrens system bill, fixed as a special order for 12:30 P. M. was taken up,
and the patron, Mr. Massie, offered
some amendments, most of which were
consequential.

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Mr. Withers, of Nansemond, was the first speaker for the measure, and his effort was at once brilliant and powerful. He spoke with his accustomed case and fluency, and at times rose to flights of oratory which provoked applause on the floor. He contended that to enact the bill would be to take a long step in the line of progress, and in an able and eloquent manner he pointed out the necessity as he say it for a change in the method of registering land in the State. He contended that the uncertainty of titles in Virginia had robbed Virginia lands of much of their value, and argued that the present method of transfer is cumbersome, troublesome and in the end uncertain. Having pointed out the defects and inconveniences of the present systems.



MAKERS OF VIRGINIA LAWS.

SENATOR JOSEPH P. SADLER.

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tem, Mr. Withers closed with a brief review of the Torrens measure and earnestly besought the House to adopt it.
Mr. Royall followed in opposition, and
he made a strong speech from his viewpoint. He was vigorous in his opening
remarks, and several times became invoived in brief colloquies with the patron,
Mr. Massie, Mr. Royall then read a premed argument in opposition to the pas-To create the State convict force and providing guarding, transportation, lodging, feeding, and so forth.

To amend and re-emact section 3057 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved December 26th, 18th, relating to judicial circuits.

As to Henrico.

Mr. Throckmorton favored the bill in a brief speech, and he declared that he was but voicing the sentiment of his

vote for the bill.

"I say most emphatically," replied Mr.
Puller, "that I did not."

"I only wanted to get you on record."
rejoined Mr. Massie.

Mr. Puller said he was sorry his opposition to the bill was likely to incur the displeasure of his colleague, and Mr. Massie, replied that this would not be the

"You have stated sir," said Mr. Puller,
"that you would fight me for reelection
to the House because of my opposition
to your bill."

"Oh, that is on the issue," was Mr.
Mussie's reply.

Mr. Peyton Speaks.

Mr. Peyton advocated the measure in a five minute speechof considerable force. He earnestly advocated its passage and said he could not understand why the Legislature should object to a measure which left the question of adoption optional, except as to Richmond city and Henrico county. He now undertook to show that these communities desire the bill and he declared that Mr. Puller had committed himself publicly to it in his campaign. Mr. Puller again entered an emphatic denial, and Mr. Peyton concluded his remarks at 2:30 o'clock, at which hour the chair was vacated until 4 o'clock.

that it was too violent to be in the interest of the people.

Mr. Petiti spoke for the bill and earnestly pleaded for its passage,

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Most of the gentlemen had been limited to five minutes, but Mr. Gregory was alloted fifteen to speak in opposition.

He is a strong lawyer, and his appeal was full of logic. Mr. Gregory was several times interrupted by Messrs, Massic and Withers, and he took care of himself in all cases. He urged objection after objection to the measure, and contended that it was a dangerous experiment and one for which there was no real demand.

Mr. Massie, the patron of the bill, to which he has given so much thought and study, advocated its passage in a clear

which he has given so much thought and study, advocated its passage in a clear and forceful speech of thirty-five minutes. He was often interrupted by Messrs, Cox, Gregory, Royall and others with ques-tions, and he answered them all frankly. He pleaded with great carnestness for the change he seeks to make in the regis-tration laws of the State, and asked the tmo entings as seeks to make it the registration laws of the Slate, and asked the House to join with him in giving needed relief to the people. He spoke of the difficulty of transferring land under the present system, and said his bill was offered in the interests of the common good.

A Splendid Different

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Mr. Massie's closing was a stirring appeal for the bill, and when he resumed his seat he was generously applauded, wille members crowded about him to shake his hand in congratulation.

In concluding his brilliant effort, Mr. Massie said:

There is no nobler work than that of law reform, none more enduring, hone more deserving the gratitude of the gen-

crations. When all his conquests had reumbied beneath his feet, when all his glories had faded and his hopes had turned to ashes, the victim of Waterloo might still proclaim with triumph:

"I shall go down to posterity with the code in my hand."

And I recall the inspiring words of Lord Brougham, who in an eloquent address upon the subject, said;

"It was the boast of Augustus—it formed part of the glare in which the perfidies of his earlier years were lost—that he found Rome of brick and left it of marble, But how much noblor will be the sovereign's boast when he shall have he to asy, that he found law dear and left it cheap; found it a sealed book, left it a living letter; found it the partimony of the rich, left it the inheritance of the poor; found it the two-edged sword of craft and oppression, left it the staff of of honesty and the sheld of innocence."

Greatness at the Bar.

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In what does true greatness at the bar consist? Not in collecting and amassing great fees; not in acquiring and hoarding great learning; not even in establishing a name above reproach and in maintaining a character of spotless integrity. The horizon must be widened beyond the realm of self. It is not enough that the best legal counsel be at the command of individual enterprises, though they be of "great pith and moment." It is not enough that the highest forensic talents be devoted to the advancement of great corporate industries, though they promote material prosperity. For the members of the bar not only owe something to the majesty and perfection of the law, but there must be, in their case, as in the case of every good citizen, something of personal sacrifice and of disinterested personal service for the common weal.

Thomas Jefferson.

noble sovereignty. To him we owe the abolition of entails, Virginia having at his instance passed the first statute on this subject in America. To him we owe emphatic denial, and Mr. Peyton concluded his remarks at 2:30 o'clock, at which hour the chair was vacated until 4 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

When the chair was resumed the Torrens system bill was again taken up, and Dr. Powell spoke briefly against it. The bill was strongly advocated by Mr. Harry C. Glenn, who expressed the belief that the people of Richmond earnestly desired its passage.

The remarks of Mr. Glenn were well received, and he made a good impression upon his colleagues.

Mr. Cox, of Richmond city, followed in opposition, and he was vigorous in his thrusts against the measure, which he thought was unwise and unnecessary.

Mr. Byrd followed Mr. Cox and made a strong appeal for the bill. He favored the measure because the people of Richmond seemed to desire it, and it did not affect his people.

Mr. Martin Williams opposed the bill in a strong speech, and said there was no necessity for such legislation at this time. Mr. Williams declared that the bill was an innovation upon the students of the country for the last 200 years, and that it was too violent to be in the interest of the people.

Mr. Pettit spoke for the bill and earnest-free day on which the human was lost in the Divine. The day on which the vail

Not Superstitious.

This is the day-with reverence be it said—on which cross-crowned mortality put on the glories of immortality, leaving the blood stained tenement of clay for that perfect tabernacle, a house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens. The day on which the human was lost in the Divine. The day on which the vall of the Temple was rent, and the terrors

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of the old law, by which no man could be justified, gave place to the new dispensation, of mercy and pence and salvation, whereby every man who wills may read his title clear to mansions in the sky. May this be the day when Virginia shall imagnizate a new dispensation of beneficent law, giving new life to every owner of her soil and doing simple justice to those who humbly petition for relief from the perpetuation of ancient wrongs."

How the Vote Was.

After the applause greeting Mr. Mussle's magnificent peroration had subsided, the House refused by the following vote to

House refused by the following vote to engross the bill:
Ayes-Messrs. Baker. Barrett, Booker,
A. M. Bowman, Byrd, Clarké, Coleman,
Guines, Harry C. Glenn, James A. Glenn,
Guerrant, Haley, Lion, Lowry, Massie,
McRae, Owen, Peyton, Pitts, Powers,
Read, Seott, Slaughfer, C. C. Taliaferro,
Throckmorton, Wallace, Whitehead and
Withers 28.

Throckmorton, Wallace, Whitehead and Withers-23.

Noes-Messres, J. M. Burker, Jr., Burnard, Burder B. Bowman, Brown, Clement, Cornett, Cox, Curlett, Dunn, Early, Eller, Boyian Green, Gregory, Gwathmey, Hillenberg, Jennings, Charles A. Johnston, Lane, Lee, Lawis, Lindsey, Louderback, Love, Meade, Moncure, Pendleton, Person, Powell, Philer, Pulliam, Rew, Roberts, Rogers, Royall, Snead, Spessard, Stanfield, Sierrett, Swift, Sydnor, J. L. Tallaterro, Thornhill, Walker, West, Wilkins, Martin Williams, Tilson, Wissler, Young and Mr. Speaker-56.

Offered and Referred.

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Dy R. T. Gregory: Empowering the Special Board of Directors of the Eastern State Hospital at Williamsburg to sell certain lots now owned by said hospital, and reinvest the money in arable lands.

By Mr. Withers: To releve the Seaboard Traction Company from any possible forfeiture of its charter. The bill extends the time for beginning work of construction two years beyond the limit now fixed.

By Mr. Withers (by request): To authorize the sale of wine, ardent spirits, malt liquors or any mixture thereof at sanitariums upon a physician's prescription therefor.

By Edwin P. Cox: To pay to Charles T. Turner, his heirs, assigns or personal representatives, the sum of 318.75 for services rendered as acting librarian of the Court of Appeals, pursuant to a Joint resolution of the General Assembly, January 8, 1963.

By Mr. Sydnor: To regulate the taking of oysters in Potomao River.

By Mr. Mason: To regulate the taking of oysters in Potomao River.

By Messrs. Clarke and Powers: To amend an act to anread and re-enact section \$47 of the Code as to the posting of receipts and expenditures of supervisors.

By George Mason: To regulate the taking of receipts and expenditures of supervisors.

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By Messrs. Clarke and Glenn: To regulate the sale of pistols, dirks, Bowie knives, and to provide of the one-titled an act to provide for the one-titled an act to provide for

knives, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Mr. Powers: To amend an act entitled an act to provide for the opening building and keeping in repair the public roads, etc., of Caroline.

Dr. Dunn and Mr. Pitts: To authorize the rector and visitors of the University of Virginia to issue new bonds secured by deed of trust for the purpose of refiring certain bonds now outstanding.

Raylor Green: To provide for an election in Charlotte county on the question of establishing a toll road between Charlotte Courthouse and Drake's Branch, and to authorize the Buard of Supervisors to collect tolls on the said road and dispose of the same.

INVESTIGATION OF

HEALTH CONDITIONS

Special Committee Take Up State and City Laws and Their Enforcement.

mittee, Dr. Emicon Williams, chairman, held a lengthy meeting in the City Hall last night. The other members of the committee present were Messrs. Blair, Morton and Lynch. Drs. Oppenheimer, Hoge and Garcin, members of the Board

Morton and Lynch. Drs. Oppenhelmer, Hoge and Garcin, members of the Board of Health, were also present.

The work of the committee at this session was confined to consideration of the State laws and city ordinance bearing upon health and the manner of enforcing the same in this city by the Board, of Health and other officials. The members of the board became witnesses and were interrogated at great length by the chairman and other members of the committee, and all phases of the subject in hand were gone into, special attention being given to the laws hearing upon the suppression of contagious diseases and the powers given the board in the premises.

At another meeting to be held next week the testimony taken last night will be fully considered and a report drawn up.

The committee is solng into the matter.

systematically and taking one branch of the subject at a time, completing it be-fore taking up another.

FACTORY SOLD

The Stock of the Ware-Kramer Tobacco Co. Changes Hands. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Wilson, N. C., February 23.—The Ware-Kramer Tobacco Company, of Wil-son, N. C., which was controlled by Wil-son people, has passed into other hands. All of the former stockholders in Wilson all of the former successfolders in Wilson except Ware say they have sold their stock. The president and vice-president have resigned. It is not known who owns the controlling stock. The whole settlement was made through a Northern bank.

Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Total bank clearings, \$2,341,325,355; outside New York, \$857,331,469. Richmond, \$5,796,686; increase, 50.6 per Savannah, \$4,008,791; increase, 61 per

Atlanta, \$3,913,960; Increase, 20 per cent. Norfolk, \$1,670,790; Increase, 21.1 per Augusta, \$1,160,916; increase, 36.1 per nt. Charleston, \$1,136.718; Increase, 9.1 per cent. Knoxville, \$1,472,256; Increase, 48.3 per Jacksonville, \$1.085,266; increase, 12.2 per ent. Macon, \$485,200; increase, 17.1 per cent.

Richmonders in New York. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, February 23,—Grenoble-F. Gardner and wife.

"Marked for Life."

The man who had looked Death in the face without finching, who had risked his life to save his fellow-man, now turned pale, and his knees knocked together trenulously. He was face to face with a thing mere solemn, more awful and majestic than Death.

"My gallam friend," began the president or the Carnege Hero Fund Commission—"
With a wild cry the Hero turned and

mission—"
With a wild cry the Hero turned and field. But his dash for liberty was furtile. He was pursued, thrown down, and the medal fastened to him. From that hour he was a marked man.—Puck,

WOULD SIMPLIFY THE TAX SYSTEM

Senator Sale Offers Bill Providing for a Tax Com-

EQUALIZE ALL ASSESSMENTS

One of Duties of the Commission Will Be to Even Up Tax-Bearers' Burdens.

ate yesterday in the shape of a new bill offered by Mr. Sale, of Noriolk, for the general supervision over tax matters and ization and other necessary improvements upon the system now operating in the

The Sale bill provides for a permanent commission of three members, to be

known as the State Tax Commission, the tion of all laws new in force or which assessment or re-assessment of lands and Assembly and their regular terms of office will be six years, respectively, except those first elected under the act, of whom one will be elected to hold effice for two years, one for four and the third for six. Appointments to vacancies on the commission will be made by the Governor. Bond will be executed by each commissioner in the sum of \$10,000. Each will receive a salary of \$3,000 a year. Provision is made for such subordinates as may be necessary. The salary of the cierk will be \$1,000.

on is made for such subordinates as may be necessary. The salary of the clerk will be \$1,000.

The chief office of the commissioners will be located and its public sessions will be held in the city of Richmond, provided, however, that the commission may in its discretion, if public necessity or the convenience of the parties require, hold public sessions elsewhere in the State, using the court-room of the courthouse of the city or county wherein such session may be held. Traveling expenses will be paid out of the public treasury. For the purpose of providing suitable quarters for the commissioner the act appropriates \$500 to be used by the register of the land office in fitting up rooms in the Capitol building.

Simplify the Books

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ports which may be required by the assessors of land and the commissioners of revenue, with a view to simplifying them and making them uniform throughout the State; and to supervise, regulate and control the assessment of lands and lots, persons and property, and the granting of licenses within the State. The commission will appoint the land assessors in all the counties and cities of the State, and all the commissioners of the revenue in the counties and cities of the State upon the expiration of the terms of those now in office, and will enforce all existing laws relative to both the assessors and the commissionera.

With a view to equalizing the valuation of lands and properties throughout the State, the commissionera.

With a view to equalizing the valuation of lands and properties and will cause to be filed in its office a copy of every assessment book and book of the commissioners of the revenue, and to compile from the books all data and information possible each year, which will be reported to the Governor, with such recommendations as the commission may see fit looking to a gradual equalization of land and property taxes within the State, including forms of necessary enactments to put the recommendations into effect. Either as a body

mendations into effect. Bither as a body or by one of its members duly designated the commission will visit every city and county, where the land books and property books are kept at least once in every four years for the purpose of gaining information as to the correctness of the assessment of land and property by the officers of the several cities and counties with a view to compling the information desired as heretofore set forth, and for the additional purpose of making any changes in the assessments of the local officers that may be deemed necessary. It is specially provided that the act shall not be construed to take away or impair the construed to take away or impair the

jurisdiction of any court of this Com-monwealth to hear and determine any complaint or petition for the correction or changing of any assessment as now prescribed by law. The powers and ju-risdiction of the tax commission to hear residence of the tax commission to hear, review, after or fix such assessments will be concurrent as far as the courts have jurisdiction in such matters.

BOY'S ARM CRUSHED.

lumped From Locomotive and Wheel Ran Over Him.

Wheel Rail Over Him.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., February 23.—Charles
Hudson, fourteen years old, while riding
on a locomotive of the Norfolk and Western Railway, near Lambert's Point, this
afternoon, fell oft.
The wheel crushed his arm and bruised
his head. His arm is broken in two
places, and his condition is regarded as
critical.

The boy is the son of Captain George P. Hudson, ship owner.

HEAVY LOSS TO LEWIS MARTIN SHOE COMPANY

Large Stock of Shoes, Hats and Trunks Badly Dam-

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., February 23.—Fire
broke out at an early hour to-night in
the Dudley block, on Main Street, which the Dudley block, on Main Street, which is the largest and most valuable building in the city. The fire broke out in the basement of the storchouse occupied by the Lewis Martin Shoe Company, and was practically confined to this quarter by flooding the upper floor. The large stock of shoes, hats and trunks, valued at about \$25,000, were so badly damaged by water that the loss will be fully seventy-flee per cent.

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A quantity of shoes and hats, together with many boxes, paper and other material, was stored in the basement. The basements of several of the adjoining stores were nearly filled with water.

The Lewis Martin Shoe Company has an insurance on stock of \$20,000.

NEW STORE AND HALL.

A Stir Over a Change of Postmaster and Location.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTER, VA., February 23.—Mr. Bennie Graves has moved into his fine new store, which has a fine hall overhead, which will be used by the Odd Fellows, and the Paptists will also use it for preaching and Sunday school.

Quite a little stir is being made here and abouts on account of an effort being made to dislodge the present postmaster, and to change the location of the office, Some of the West End people of this town desire the office near to them, but the larger portion of the people do not wish to see any change.

A caboose car of the Tidewater and Western Railroad was lurned on a sidetrack here about 2 o'clock in the day, and it is a puzzle how it got afire. It had been habitated at night by tramps, but no one passing had observed any sign of fire in the morning hours, till it burst forth in flames. A tot of leaves had accumulated underneath and about the car, and it is probable it was caught from the leaves, and that they were fired by some ette. There were two coaches next to the caboose, which were saved by an en-gine, which happened to be at work or

Mrs. S. T. Perdue continues to be very feeble, on account principally of old are and her family and friends are quite apprehensive of her condition.

Dr. Hart, Charles Drewry, S. A. Perdue and others went on a fox chase; got up a fox at Coxendale, and caught it at Mr. James Burgess's farm.

Mr. J. C. Perdue is a little improved.

The smallpox scare is over.

ON MURDER CHARGE. Warrants Sworn Out for Geo. R.

Patterson and Stephen Davis. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 23.—
George R. Patterson, the proprietor of
the Hotel Tontine and Stephen Davis
were this afternoon arrested on warrants were this afternoon arrested on warrants sworn out by Stute's Attorney Brent before Justice Caton, charging them with the murder of George R. Curtin on the night of December 3th last. The men were both lodged in the station house and will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice Caton in the Police Court. During the first investigation of the murder several weeks ago, it was testified that Curtin was drinking at Patterson's place at a late hour of the

HIGHWAY ROBBERS. o Riders Hold Up a Citizen and Take His Money.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HILLSVILLE, VA., February 23.—4
genuine highway robbery was committed
in the northeastern part of the county.
Tuesday. A Mr. Simpkins was knecked
on the head with a rock and robbed of
about sid in money.

about \$40 in money.

The crime was committed in that part of the county crossed by Max Mountain. There is a saw-mill situated some where There is a saw-mill situated some where far up in the mountain, and one evening this week two men were seen riding up the road past the saw-mill as if they were going to cross the mountain Later in the day Mr. Simpkins managed to get home, covered all over with blood and, it is thought, his skull is broken, and told of the attack made upon him by the two men and that their names were Chappell and Montgomery.

Mr. Simpkins was too weak to talk much, but he knew the men, and it is hoped, if they are ever caught, he will be able to tostify against them. They have not been seen by any person who knows them, since the crime was committed.

.. Americanized Canada..

Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, the distinguished special correspondent, whose letters have been a feature of the Sunday Times-Dispatch for several years, has been spending some time in Canada. He thinks it not impossible that much of the British northwest may ultimately become a part of the United States. See his letter in the

Sunday. Times-Dispatch.